Senate Amendment 3379

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Amend Senate File 458 as follows: #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 26 the 3 following: Section 12D.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, 5 Code 2003, is amended to read as follows: The general assembly finds that the general welfare 7 and well=being of the state are directly related to 8 educational levels and skills of the citizens of the 1 9 state, and that a vital and valid public purpose is 1 10 served by the creation and implementation of programs 1 11 which encourage and make possible the attainment of 1 12 higher education by the greatest number of citizens of 13 the state. The state has limited resources to provide 1 14 additional programs for higher education funding and 1 15 the continued operation and maintenance of the state's 1 16 public institutions of higher education and the 1 17 general welfare of the citizens of the state will be 1 18 enhanced by establishing a program which allows 1 19 citizens of the state to invest money in a public 20 trust for future application to the payment of higher 1 21 education costs. The creation of the means of 1 22 encouragement for citizens to invest in such a program 23 represents the carrying out of a vital and valid 1 24 public purpose. In order to make available to the 1 25 citizens of the state an opportunity to fund future 26 higher education needs, it is necessary that a public 1 27 trust be established in which moneys may be invested 1 28 for future educational use. It is also necessary to 1 29 establish an endowment fund which may be funded with 30 public funds, among other sources, the income from 31 which will be made available to participants in the 1 32 trust to enhance their savings invested for the 33 payment of future higher education costs. 1 34 Sec. ____. Section 12D.1, subsections 5 and 13, 1 35 Code 2003, are amended by striking the subsections.
1 36 Sec. ____. Section 12D.2, subsections 4, 8, 10, 11,
1 37 and 12, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows: 4. Accept any grants, gifts, legislative 1 39 appropriations, and other moneys from the state, any 1 40 unit of federal, state, or local government, or any 1 41 other person, firm, partnership, or corporation which 1 42 the treasurer of state shall deposit into the 1 43 administrative fund, the endowment fund, or the 1 44 program fund. 1 45 8. Solicit and accept for the benefit of the 1 46 endowment fund gifts, grants, and other moneys, 1 47 including legislative appropriations and grants from 48 any federal, state, or local governmental agency. 10. Make payments to institutions of higher 1 49 1 50 education, participants, or beneficiaries pursuant to 2 1 participation agreements on behalf of beneficiaries. 11. Make refunds to participants upon the 2 3 termination of participation agreements and partial 4 nonqualified distributions to participants pursuant to 5 the provisions, limitations, and restrictions set 6 forth in this chapter. 12. Invest moneys from the endowment fund and the 8 program fund in any investments which are determined 2. 9 by the treasurer of state to be appropriate. Sec. ____. Section 12D.3, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows: 2 10 2 11 2. Beneficiaries designated in participation 2 13 agreements may be designated from date of birth up to, 14 but not including, their eighteenth birthday at any 15 age. A substitute beneficiary may be older than age 2 16 eighteen provided that the substitute beneficiary is 17 not older than the original beneficiary. 3. A participant's account balance shall be 2 19 refunded to the participant, less endowment fund 2 20 earnings, and less a refund penalty levied by the 2 21 trust against account balance earnings, if any, in the 2 22 event an account balance remains in the account for a 2 23 thirty=day period following the beneficiary's - 2 24 thirtieth birthday.

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2 25 Sec. ___. Section 12D.4, Code 2003, is amended by 2 26 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
2 27 following:
         12D.4 PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS ==
2 29 INVESTMENT AND PAYMENTS.
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        1. The treasurer of state shall segregate moneys
  31 received by the trust into two funds: the program
  32 fund and the administrative fund.
         2. All moneys paid by participants in connection
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  34 with participation agreements shall be deposited as
2 35 received into separate accounts within the program
2 36 fund.
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         3.
              Contributions to the trust made by participants
  38 may only be made in the form of cash.
        4. A participant or beneficiary shall not provide
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2 40 investment direction regarding program contributions
2 41 or earnings held by the trust.
2 42 5. Moneys accrued by participants in the program 2 43 fund of the trust may be used for payments to any 2 44 institution of higher education. Payments may be made
2 45 to the institution, the participant, or the
2 46 beneficiary.
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                      Section 12D.5, Code 2003, is amended by
  48 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
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  49 following:
        12D.5 CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENTS.
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         A participant may cancel a participation agreement
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   2 at will. Upon cancellation of a participation 3 agreement, a participant shall be entitled to the
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   4 return of the participant's account balance.
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   6 are amended by striking the subsection.
7 Sec. ____. Section 12D.9, subsection 1, paragraphs
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   8 c, d, and e, Code 2003, are amended to read as
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   9 follows:
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      c. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection 17
  11 paragraph "b" 2, a separate account is established for
3 12 each beneficiary.
       d. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection \frac{1}{1}
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  -14 paragraph "f" 3, contributions may only be made in the
3 15 form of cash.
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        e. Pursuant to section 12D.4, subsection 17
  17 paragraph "g" 4, a participant or beneficiary shall
3 18 not provide investment direction regarding program
3 19 contributions or earnings held by the trust.
3 20 Sec. ____. Section 12D.9, subsection 1, paragraph 3 21 f, Code 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.
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                  _. Section 12D.9, subsection 2, Code 2003,
        Sec. ___
3 23 is amended to read as follows:
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         2. State income tax treatment of the Iowa
3 25 educational savings plan trust shall be as provided in
3 26 section 422.7, subsections 32, and 33, and 34, and
     section 422.35, subsection 14.
                  _. Section 12D.10, subsection 1, Code 2003,
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3 29 is amended to read as follows:
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        1. The assets of the trust, including the program
3 31 fund and the endowment fund, shall at all times be
3 32 preserved, invested, and expended solely and only for 3 33 the purposes of the trust and shall be held in trust
3 34 for the participants and beneficiaries.
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        Sec. ____. Section 422.7, subsection 34, Code 2003,
3 36 is amended by striking the subsection.
                     Section 422.35, subsection 14, Code
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         Sec. ___.
3 38 2003, is amended by striking the subsection.>
3 39 #2. Page 43, by inserting after line 30 the
3 40 following:
                The amendments to sections 12D.1, 12D.2,
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3 42 12D.3, 12D.4, 12D.5, 12D.6, 12D.9, 12D.10, 422.7, and 3 43 422.35, which shall apply retroactively to January 1,
3 44 2003, for tax years beginning on or after that date.>
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